

the City” by the Fresno First Baptist Church three times, “Diversity in Education Award” by the Association of California School Administrators, “Community Service Recognition Award” by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors, and was named “Administrator of the Year” by the Association of Mexican American Educators. Mr. Reyes has also served as a board member for the Community Food Bank in Fresno. The Fresno County Board of Supervisors honored Mr. Reyes in January when they named January 26, 2010 as “Principal Bob Reyes Day” in Fresno County. After his years of commitment and service to the students, staff and surrounding community, an anonymous donor to Fresno High School honored Mr. Reyes by establishing an annual award given to a student at the school in his honor called “The Bob Reyes Leadership Award.”

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Principal Bob Reyes upon his retirement from Fresno High School. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Reyes many years of continued success.

LORD’S RESISTANCE ARMY DISARMAMENT AND NORTHERN UGANDA RECOVERY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the decades-long, unresolved crisis caused by the Lord’s Resistance Army, LRA, is one of Africa’s longest running and most gruesome rebel wars. For over 20 years, Uganda, a country slightly smaller than Oregon, and its neighbors have suffered from brutal massacres and torture instigated by the LRA. Originally based in northern Uganda, the LRA have infiltrated northeastern Congo, southern Sudan, and the Central African Republic. The humanitarian crisis has resulted in the torture, rape, and death of thousands of civilians and the displacement of over 1.5 million people. Over the past decade, the LRA has abducted over 20,000 children for forced conscription and sexual exploitation. In northern Uganda, children living outside protected camps often leave their homes at night to sleep in hospitals or churches for fear of attack.

The ongoing crisis in Central Africa instigated by the LRA demands more attention, more support, and a more effective plan of action. A fellow Oregonian and constituent of mine, Lisa Shannon, founded the “Run for Congo Women,” which has grown into a global movement that has raised over \$600,000 for Women for Women International’s Congo program.

I’m pleased that we can help her efforts with S. 1067, which directs the administration to develop a strategy to protect civilians and increase aid and awareness about the effects of the war on the people, governments, and economies of the region. We must act to help Uganda and the three other LRA-affected countries aid their displaced citizens and rebuild their basic services, government, and economic infrastructure.

TRIBUTE TO NESIN THERAPY

HON. PARKER GRIFFITH

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great business in my District, Nesin Therapy Services. In 1987, Janet Nesin founded Nesin Therapy Services from her home in Madison, Alabama.

The initial practice focused on providing contract physical therapy services for home health agencies and nursing homes. Janet’s primary goals included controlling the quality of physical therapy services and providing flexible work schedules for her employees. She began the practice with one employee, who remains with the company today.

Despite the turbulence that often accompanies the initial years of small business, the company enjoyed relative success and by 1994 the company had over 15 employees and gross sales were growing. Both of Mrs. Nesin’s daughters worked with the business from the beginning and as each completed their respective physical therapy degrees, began to treat patients.

In 1999, gross sales continued to rise. However, with the inherent instability of contracting in the health care industry, the company downsized to 7 employees and began transitioning from contract services to an independent outpatient clinic. This decision by the Nesins, spurred from the loss of a major contract, proved to be the pivotal point for the ultimate success of the company.

Nesin Therapy focused on providing exceptional care, marketed avidly, and capitalized on changes in the local health care market. By 2001, the outpatient division had rapidly expanded and the clinic was moved to Nesin Therapy’s current Madison location. In 2002, the business shifted exclusively to outpatient physical therapy services and gross sales once again began to climb.

In 2003, with 13 employees, the decision was made to expand into Huntsville. During this time, increased profitability allowed for the expansion to be funded in cash and, in addition to providing more competitive salaries, bonuses were given to employees. The second clinic was opened June 2004 in Southeast Huntsville. Nesin Therapy Services has grown into a thriving family-owned business with 35 employees and a newly opened third clinic in January of 2011.

Nesin Therapy Services has been the recipient of a number of awards over the years. The past several years have included the 2008 Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award; a 2008, 2009 Best Places to Work Award Winner; a 2009, 2010 United States Chamber Blue Ribbon Small Business Winner; and a 2010 United States Small Business Administration Family Owned Small Business State and Regional Winner.

So, Madam Speaker, I am pleased to highlight this great corporate citizen of North Alabama.

HONORING OFFICER STEVEN SONES

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to rise today to honor Officer Steven Sones for being selected as the Bartlett Police Department’s 2009 Officer of the Year.

The primary mission of the Bartlett, Tennessee Police Department is to protect and serve the citizens of the community. On April 23, 2009, Officer Steven Sones demonstrated his commitment to mission when he was called to the scene of a mentally disturbed suspect wielding two large kitchen knives and threatening harm to herself and others. As the hours of the intense standoff wore on, the suspect made an abrupt move as if she was going to stab herself. At the moment, the years of dedication, devotion, and training of Officer Sones leaped in as he was able to fire a non-lethal beanbag shot that temporarily disabled the suspect and allowed his fellow officers the opportunity to end the threatening situation without harm to all involved.

Officer Sones began his career with Bartlett Police Department in 2001 when he was hired as a jailer for the City. He stayed with the jail until he was selected as a Patrolman in December of 2004 and participates voluntarily in several special units within the Department. His work with the Crime Suppression Unit and the Special Response Team (S.R.T.) has earned him a reputation as one of the best rounded officers in the Department.

Please join me in honoring Steven Sones and wishing him and his wife, Elisha, and their two children Abby and Bryce, the best on this well-deserved award.

TAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL “WE THE PEOPLE”

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, in January I recognized students and teachers at Tahoma High School for earning first place in the “We the People” competition.

Now, Madam Speaker, I’m happy to congratulate those same students and teachers for earning the national “Unit Five Award” by accruing the most points in the fifth unit of the “We the People” textbook—a unit that expounds on the rights protected by the Bill of Rights.

The students participated in a three-day academic competition that simulates a congressional hearing. Students demonstrate their knowledge and skills as they evaluate, take, and defend positions on historical and contemporary constitutional issues. Annual surveys consistently show that high school students who take part in “We the People” outperform national samples of high school students participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress political test by at least 22%.

Madam Speaker, the names of these outstanding students from Tahoma High School are: Mariah Anderson, Austin Arnold,